sealing means for preventing the loss of blood from the vessel during the insertion and subsequent removal of surgical components during the surgical procedure, wherein said sealing means comprises a sealing cavity, wherein said sealing cavity is filled with a biocompatible sealing material, wherein said sealing material forms a seal around the surgical components as the components are inserted through said sealing material and removed from said introducer sheath device during the surgical procedure.

Claim 87, lines 1-2, delete "positioning means comprises an".

Cancel Claims 83, 84, 88 and 89.

Please add new Claims 90 and 91 as follows:

--90. The introducer sheath device according to Claim 86, wherein said positioning means further includes at least one filling passageway for filling said inflatable cuff.--

--91. The introducer sheath device according to Claim 90, wherein said at least one filling passageway extends along said passageway. –

REMARKS

Claims 82, 85-87, 90 and 91 are present in this application. By this amendment, title is changed, Claims 82, and 87 are amended, Claims 83, 84, 88 and 89 are canceled, and Claims 90 and 91 are added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The title of the present application is revised to reflect the claimed subject matter. Entry of the revised title is respectfully requested.

I.   THE DRAWINGS COMPLY WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(P)(4)

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(4) because reference numeral "931" has been used to designate both the housing and the gel-like material in Fig. 39.

In response, Applicants respectfully submit that reference numeral "932" has been used in the specification to refer to the gel-like material. A somewhat illegible "932" has also been used in Fig. 39. To avoid any further confusion, Applicants submit simultaneously herewith a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections, which clearly identifies reference numeral "932" in Fig. 39. No